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reactions.

42. The process of claim 41, ~~wherein the enzyme is a nitrilase.~~

43. An *E. coli* bacteria strain W host cell, comprising a suitable system for expressing heterologous proteins, wherein the suitable system comprises the P_{irp} promoter.

44. The *E. coli* bacteria strain W host cell of claim 43, wherein the P_{irp} promoter comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1. - -

REMARKS

The specification is amended to correct obvious typographical errors. In particular, the discussion of protein extracts at page 12 makes obvious that the translator's notation of "lacuna" indeed should be replaced by "acid". The claims are amended to better comply with U.S. practice. The new claims are supported by the original claims and by page 10, lines 3-14 (claim 25). No new matter has been added.

Respectfully submitted,

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